(b) whether a large number of residents are going to the Courts in order to solve their problems of parking;

(c) whether the High Court of Delhi have recently directed that parking in front of residences is meant for bonafide residents only and not for outsiders; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to issue any directives to help the citizens on their parking problems in their respective areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (b) The lack of adequate parking space in residential areas where commercial activity also exists does pose problems to the local residents and there have been instances where the matter was taken to courts.

(c) No such direction of the High Court of Delhi has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(d) The common space in the residential colonies is normally managed by the Resident Associations. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi, however, propose to convert the parking spaces, wherever available, into a multi-level underground parking on BOT basis and one such scheme has been envisaged on an experimental basis at Vasant Vihar.

Merger of Kasargod with Karnataka

1737. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Mahajan Commission has recommended that Kasargod be merged with Karnataka State;

(b) what is the population of Kasargod as per the latest Census report;

(c) how many Kannada speaking people are living in Kasargod;

(d) whether Karnataka Governments has made any proposal to merge Kasargod with Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Provisional Census Report, 2001, the population of Kasargod district is 12,03,342.

(c) According to 1991 Census, 48,933 persons mentioned Kannada as their mother tongue against the total population of 10,71,508 living in Kasargod district as per the 1991 Census. The figures as per the 2001 Census have not yet been released.

(d) and (e) The Government of Karnataka have been of the view that the report of the Mahajan Commission should be implemented *in toto*. The Government of Karnataka have also pointed out that the Mahajan Commission had recommended the transfer of the taluka of Kasargod in Kerala, north of the Chandragiri and Payaswini rivers, to the State of Mysore (Karnataka) and that any discussion on the implementation of the Mahajan Commission report would necessarily have to involve the Government of Kerala also.

Robbery in Train

1738. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe the decoits robbed the passengers in a speeding Train No. 5314 down Agra Fort on the 6th September, 2001 and killed some persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to apprehend the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) On 6th September, 2001 some dacoits armed with rifles and other weapons entered train no. 5314, Marudhar Express Agra Fort just before Narhar Railway Station. Shri Raghunandan Lal Dubey, Head Constable, RPF, Pilibhit who was returning from leave and Shri Virendra Singh Yadav, Constable, who was on duty were killed when they tried to resist the dacoits. On hearing the sound of firing, General Railway Police personnel escorting the train rushed to the spot. During the encounter one dacoit was killed and some dacoits, passengers and police personnel were injured. the dacoits looted the deceased, passengers, and also abducted three passengers.

(c) On hearing of the incident senior officers rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area. A crime case no 532/2001 under section 396/364 of the IPC has been registered. A special investigation team was formed by the SSP, (Railway) Agra to investigate the case and orders have been issued for arresting the culprits and confiscating their property. During the investigation it has come to light that the Kalua Gang is involved in the dacoity. Two of the culprits were arrested and stolen property has been recovered from them. Due to pressure from the